

EXHIBIT

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**DEFENDANT UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
CATHOLIC BISHOPS' REPLY TO PLAINTIFF'S
RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT UNITED STATES
CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS'
MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO FEDERAL
RULE 12(b)(2)**

Cameron R. Getto

From: Brooke Tucker <btucker@aclumich.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 5:03 PM
To: Cameron R. Getto
Subject: RE: Means v. USCCB et al

Cameron:

This is not a problem at all. We would be amenable to the following briefing schedule:

USCCB's response due on **February 21, 2014**

Plaintiff's response to both the original motion to transfer venue by the individual defendants and USCCB's response due on **March 7, 2014**

Reply by the individual defendants due on **March 21, 2014**.

Hearing date remains set for **April 2, 2014**.

If this timeframe works for you, I will propose it to Mr. Van Dusen or Mr. Levasseur.

Best,
Brooke

From: Cameron R. Getto [<mailto:CGetto@zkac.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 3:50 PM
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Brooke:

Mike Steinberg said you would be doing the day to day handling of this file. Long story, but I appeared after the motion to change venue was filed, so I got it a bit late. I did get the heads up of course when the notice of hearing came, and Tom Van Dusen did email me a copy. I am trying to finish up my response, but I am having trouble getting an affidavit signed, notarized and returned on short notice, in part because DC is apparently facing a significant snowstorm tomorrow, which I am told, is much more paralyzing for them than for us. They are preparing to close offices early tomorrow and possibly Thursday.

At any rate, I called the court to ask if it would entertain a stipulated extension of one week to answer the motion. The court said if we all agreed, it would enter a stip and would not change the hearing date. I propose the following stip:

It is hereby stipulated by and between the parties that Plaintiff and co-Defendant, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, are granted a one-week extension to respond to Defendants' Motion to Change Venue. The new due date for response briefs shall be February 21, 2014. The hearing set for April 2, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. is not affected by this extension.

Please let me know if I may sign your name. Mr. Van Dusen has already consented. I appreciate your consideration. Pls call if you have any questions or concerns.

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